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Campus-Visiting Bear Cubs Relocated to Tracy Arm, Fish & Game Officials Fear Mother Bear May Have Been Killed

By Kile Clabaugh
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There aren't that many college campuses that have bear warning signs on the way to student housing. The reason for those signs became abundantly clear recently as a mother black bear and two cubs have become frequent visitors to the campus this fall. The two cubs were relocated to Tracy Arm last week after their mother was apparently killed.

The two cubs were found near campus housing the week of October 7 without a mother. A gunshot was reported at around 11 p.m. one night that week on the Back Loop Road and the cubs showed up the next day in a report to the police about a high-pitched crying noise.

According to Neil Barten, a wildlife biologist at the Alaskan Department of Fish and Game, the two cubs were captured while biologists had tried to find out where the mother was. A week had gone by with no sign of the mother so the ADF&G decided to haul the cubs by boat to Tracy Arm, south of Juneau.

"Our prognosis isn't the best because they are so young, but we are hoping for the best," said Barten on the cubs chances for survival without their mother.

The bear family had become frequent campus visitors. They had apparently figured out how to unlock the doors of the trash at campus housing and were spotted digging through it a week prior to the report of the missing mother.

"We ended up changing the locks and the bears disappeared shortly after," said student housing director Amanda Knerr. "The last time I had saw them was October 3 when the two cubs were hanging in the trees."

Bear safety is a serious issue for the UAS campus community. A video on bear safety can be checked out from the Mendenhall Library and additional information and brochures can be picked up at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office and also on their main website at <http://www.state.ak.us/adfg/adfghome.htm>.

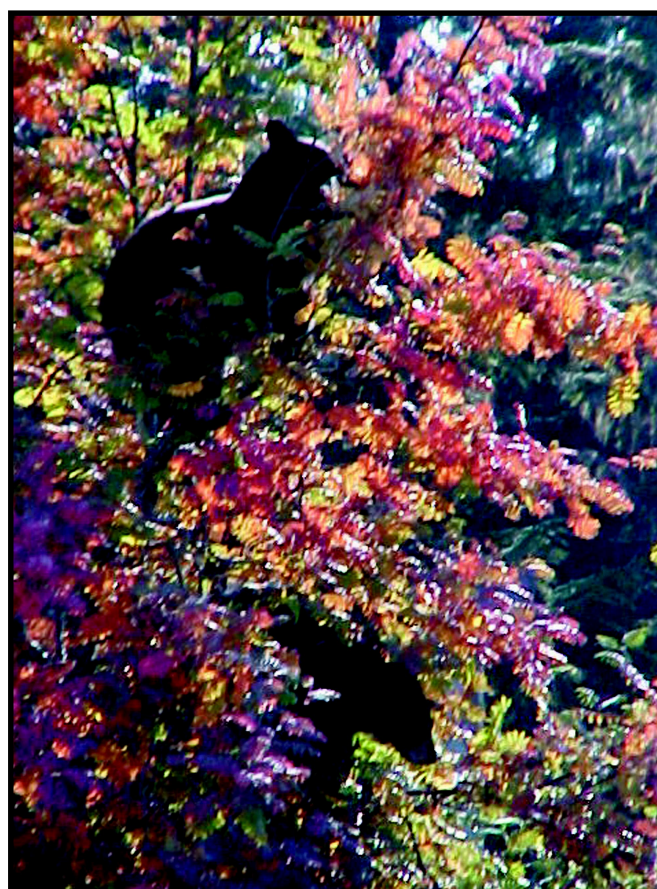


Photo by Laura Miko

Bear cubs climbing in a tree on student housing

Sorority Group Mulls UAS Chapter

By Virginia Arrigucci
Whalesong Staff

The sorority group Beta Sigma Phi is interested in starting a chapter at UAS. With enough interest, UAS may see a chapter form this fall or next spring.

A friendship and service organization, Beta Sigma Phi is the largest women's organization of its kind in the world. While sororities are usually thought of as

Bear Safety Tips

For the most part, bears tend to avoid humans, but sometimes the curious bear stumbles on a human, and vice versa. If you ever do find yourself in this position there are some helpful hints that may keep you from getting in a potentially harmful moment.

1. Identify yourself as a human. Wave your arms around and talk to the bear in a normal voice. Sometimes if the bear cannot tell what you are it may come closer and stand on its hind legs to get a better look or smell. A standing bear is usually not threatening.

2. Do not run. You cannot outrun a bear, they have been clocked at speeds up to 35 mph, and like dogs they will chase fleeing animals. Bears often make bluff charges sometimes within 10 feet of their adversary, without making contact. If the bear gets too close raise your voice and be more aggressive. Bang pots and pans or use noisemakers, but never imitate bear sounds or make a high pitched squeal.

3. If attacked and the bear actually makes contact, surrender. Fall to the ground and play dead. Lie flat on your stomach or curl up in a ball with your hands behind your neck. Typically, a bear will break off its attack once the threat is eliminated. In some cases, particularly with black bears, the attacking bear may perceive a person as food. If the bear continues to bite you long after you assume a defensive posture it is most likely a predatory attack and you should fight back as much as you can.

university groups, Beta Sigma Phi is open to all women over the age of 17 worldwide. In the four Juneau chapters, the members range from age 35 to age 80. The lack of young college age women is what interested Beta Sigma Phi in starting a chapter at UAS.

While the option of interested UAS students joining an existing chapter of Beta Sigma Phi exists, it is definitely possibly and advantageous for students to start their own new chapter at the university. A chapter would be considered a student club at UAS, with a member of another Beta Sigma Phi chapter being the club advisor. Whereas the sorority traditionally holds chapter meetings in member homes, a university chapter would have the benefit of using the university facilities

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You Are Being Tricked

By Sarah Carter
Contributing Writer

What if your big brother told you he'll give you his three half-eaten browning apples for the 12 whole fresh apples you have in your backpack? You'd think he was crazy. You'd think he was playing some sort of trick on you.

Welcome to the trick Senator Lisa Murkowski is trying to play on you.

Senator Murkowski has introduced senate bill s.1354, the Cape Fox Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003. This bill proposes to give Juneau residents 3,000 acres of mostly clear-cut land near Ketchikan for 12,000 acres of Tongass Forest in Berner's Bay.

This bill causes more problems that it solves.

The residents of Juneau and all Southeast Alaskan communities need to participate in Sealaska's land settlement decisions through the established Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act process. Bureaucrats and politicians in faraway offices cannot make good decisions when pressured by private corporations.

The large swath of pristine land on the northwest side of Berner's Bay is currently managed by the United States Forest



Service and provides recreation, hunting, and fishing opportunities for local Juneau residents and visitors. It is a mistake to give this area to private corporations with poor track records of land management and the probable intent to clearcut.

Berner's Bay is an intact ecosystem; it supports healthy fisheries,

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When Did We Stop Caring?

By Holly Mitchell
Contributing Writer

We have become a nation of docile sheep being led to slaughter with strobe lights on. The average citizen gets to see the truth in blips and phrases until sanity mixes with confusion. Until we have seen so much we no longer care. We elect politicians who tap dance around issues. They tell us the average citizen doesn't understand the intricate language of congress. Did we not elect them to be translators? We are told to our faces that there are some things about a war that involves our brothers, sister, mothers, and fathers that we do not need to know. We elect leaders whose main political statement during the Alaskan Gubernatorial debates was "I don't have to answer that." When did we stop listening?

Take for instance, our president George W. Bush. A man who got into office—not with the popular vote— but with a better lawyer, more money, and a sibling governing key state. A man who has done more damage to the economy, the environment, as well as, blurring the constitutional separation of church and state more than his last three predecessors combined. When did we stop caring?

Does anybody really know why we are at war with Iraq?

Mr. Bush would like us to believe it is because the Iraqi people needed to be liberated from that gruesome monster Sadam. We have liberated these people so much that they want U.S. forces to go home. We bomb their country to hell and back and we can't understand why they keep putting up resistance. Go figure. I have to speculate when President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that "America would go anywhere, anytime, as long as it was in our best interest" that it would go this far. When did we stop paying attention?

And what about Dick Cheney—when is the last time we actually saw or heard our vice president? Before the war, before we forgot we had a vice president? Perhaps he is like the children's character in "Where's Waldo" if we look hard enough we might find him. Maybe if we look hard enough we will find him in a back room at Halliburton plotting another forceful takeover of some other oil bearing third world country. When did we stop watching?

Last but not least there's Frank Murkowski. Mister *let's sell out Alaska until there's nothing left to sell*. A man who insulted the entire state by putting out a list of people who *might* take his place in congress— then handed the job over to his daughter a week later. Imagine that! Oh yeah, how many of us didn't see that one coming? I bet Frank got a "You're the best daddy in the world" card for that one. I guess in a way it was sheer brilliance on his part. Who else would make a better puppet? True to the name of Murkowski, Lisa is attempting some scandalous dealings herself. Berner's Bay now stands likely to be clear-cut due to a land swap, a land swap that Mrs. Murkowski is taking over the heads of the people. She is taking this issue to the House and Senate—by doing this she is

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Letters to the Editor

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silencing our voices, ignoring our pleas and selling us out. WE HAVE SAID NO!!! But yet again we are ignored. When did we stop fighting?

C'mon people this blatant disrespect is in our faces! Something needs to be done! Who of you are willing to let another election go by as a member of a herd that is fed lies as a daily staple? It is up to us to remind our elected officials why they are in there in the first place. The California recently had success in recalling an official who literally thought his job was "in the bag." HE WAS WRONG. I ask you is it not time that we start looking in our own back yard for the next person who gets a recall notice?

University of Alaska Southeast Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable

Announcement: Solicitation for Special Project Proposals

The Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable (TLTR) is soliciting for special technology proposals for the academic year 2003 – 2004. Special projects are funded with a portion of the technology fee paid by students. Special project proposals are solicited from students, faculty and university departments in response to perceived technology problems not being addressed by the infrastructure spending described above. The proposals that will receive the highest priority are those that impact as wide a portion of the student body as possible. Projects which affect a smaller portion of the student body will be considered, however, if such proposals show promise of benefiting the University in ways otherwise unachievable.

Interested persons can get the submission instructions by visiting <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/tltr/archive/reports/guidline.html>. Project proposals should be turned in to Karen Cummins, Novatney 103. You can contact Karen at 465-6409 and by e-mail at karen.cummins@uas.alaska.edu. Questions can be addressed to Karen or to TLTR chair Steve Hamilton at 465-6364 (steve.hamilton@uas.alaska.edu).

The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business, January 30, 2004. Decisions regarding projects will be made during February and March, allowing time for procurement prior to the end of the spring semester.

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abundant marine wildlife, wolves, moose, brown bears, black bears, and countless other valuable natural resources that should be preserved, not plundered for short-term corporate greed. Privatization of these lands is the thin end of the wedge. Next is mining and its destructive effects.

Members of the Auk Kwan Tribe recognize Berner's Bay as an integral part of their traditional territory. The proposed lands are Auk Kwan ancestral lands that contain village sites, burial grounds, and the sacred Spirit Mountain (Lionshead Mountain.) Many Auk Kwan Tlingits oppose this bill.

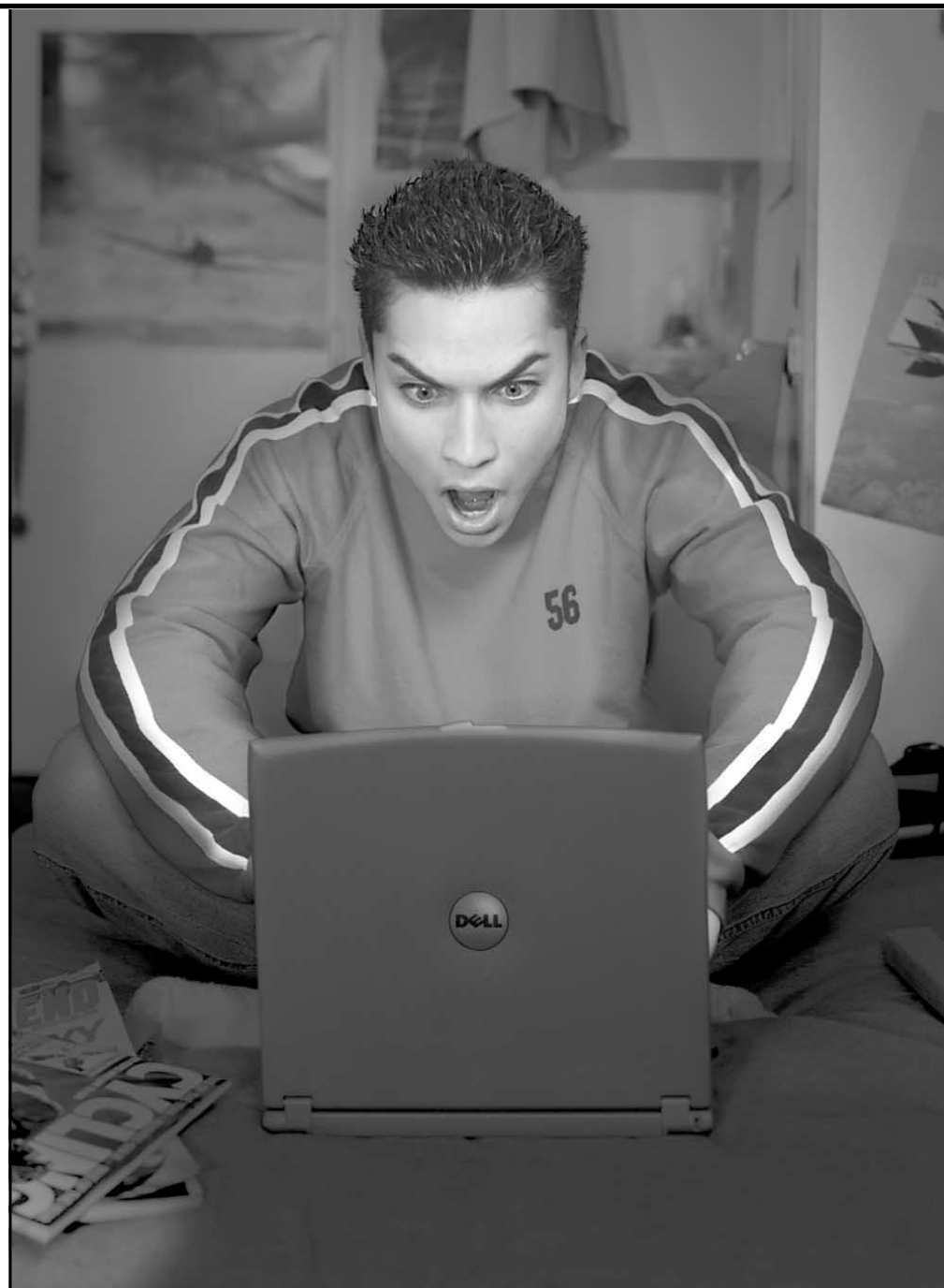
On Saturday, September 20, there was standing room only as close to 400 people crowded into ANB Hall town meeting to voice their opposition. Very few spoke in favor of the rip off.

Bill S.1354 is your big brother trying to gyp you out of your rights to enjoy Berner's Bay as it is.

Say, "No, I'll keep my 12,000 acres of pristine old-growth forest thank you!" And while you're at it, you might add, "Stop clear cutting!"

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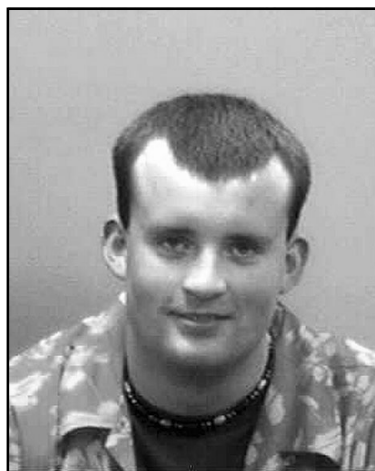
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Campus & Community

Student Alumni Group To Sponsor Events

By Jamie Atkinson
Contributing Writer

The Student Alumni Association (SAA), a new organization that was created this semester as a complementary group to the UAS Alumni Association, intends to provide students with opportunities to become actively involved in spirit-building activities on campus and to promote interaction between



current students and alumni.

Vice President Olivia Watson says, "Being involved in the Student Alumni Association is an excellent way to build new traditions for the existing student body. These new traditions provide a link between past generations of students, current students, and students

yet to come."

William Branlund, one of the board's five members, hopes that the student alumni "will be known in the future as a body of individuals who brought about harmony on our campus through SAA-sponsored events."

During the course of the fall and spring semester, the SAA board will make a decision, based upon members' input, as to what big events to sponsor. One of the

events already planned is an etiquette/networking dinner on Nov. 12. SAA members will be notified with more information regarding this event and it is FREE for a limited number of members. Some additional activities we are considering include a community service project, game show and a film at the Student Activities Center (SAC).

When students got their semester sticker for their student ID, they also received a student alumni validation sticker (similar to the semester sticker), unless they opted out. Students who wished not to participate in SAA needed to request the fee's removal from their student accounts. (During the first two weeks of the fall semester, students who are taking six or more credits have the option to "opt out" of the \$15 fee.) Each student then received a sheet that needed to be turned into the Development Office located in the Soboleff Annex, where they were given an SAA T-shirt and water bottle. Students who have paid but not yet received the validation sticker and information sheet from the Activities and Housing Office are encouraged to do so; there are still some T-shirts available for SAA members. One thing positive about the SAA fee is that it only happens one time, just during the fall semester and not the spring of each year. The fee also allows students to gain entrance to SAA events for free or minimal cost.

The student alumni association is another place for students to get involved on the UAS campus. Joe Slack, another board member, joined the SAA "so that I could have an outside activity other than doing homework." All members are welcome to attend the SAA meetings



and to provide feedback as well as comments about what they would like to have made available to them.

This year's student alumni association board consists of Eric Morrison, President, Olivia Watson, Vice President, and members Jamie Atkinson, William Branlund and Joe Slack. Feel free to contact any student alumni board member with any questions. All of the board looks forward to seeing every member at one or more of the SAA events. If you have any questions about the SAA or would like to contact any of the board members, please do so by sending an email to SAA@uas.alaska.edu.

UASers Off to Climb in Nepal

By Sarah Carter
Contributing Writer

Jacek Maselko, an Outdoor Leadership Studies Instructor, and five UAS students left Juneau last week en route to climb Pumori, one of the Himalaya's high peaks. Jacek has attempted the 7,165-meter peak located near Mt. Everest twice before. His previous attempts were kyboshed by dangerous avalanche conditions and time limitations. Jacek has allowed six weeks for this year's trip; two weeks travel time to and from the mountain, one week acclimation and training, and three weeks climbing Pumori itself.

The expedition team includes Stefan Ricci, Forest Wagner, Sky Pearson, Mitch Lineburger, and Ryan Johnson, all of whom are UAS students, ODS teaching assistants, and or ODS graduates. In an interview at the fundraising slide show the team held at the Student Activities Center before they left, Jacek said he looks forward to climbing with friends on this trip. Most of his previous climbs in the Himalayas were accompanied

by clients, "This time it's for fun. What we are short on experience, we will make up for in balls," he said. When asked what he thinks will be the most difficult obstacle for the expedition, he answered, "There are so many...the unknown (terrain) above Camp 2 will be difficult." During his last Pumori attempt he reached the Camp 2 location on the knife-edge Southwest Ridge at 6,400 meters. Above this camp is still more than 700 meters of very difficult fifth-class rock, ice, and snow climbing to the summit. The team's progress on the mountain will be determined by fitness, weather, and snow/ice conditions.

The team has high hopes of testing themselves at altitude and pushing their limits. Stefan Ricci was positive about the trip a few days before they left for Nepal. "I am very excited. I am not so much interested in Nepal, or the culture. All I want to do is climb!"

And that they will. At press time the team had negotiated delays in Bangkok, organized their expedition food and gear in Katmandu, and were trekking toward their training mountain, Island Peak.

We wish them the best of luck!



Mount Pumori high in the Himalayas awaits a UAS climbing team.

Vicki's Views

By Vicki Orazem
UAS Vice Provost of Student Success



About two weeks ago, I was sitting in the airport waiting for the fog to lift with a well-respected English professor and Math professor. We were attending a national conference in Chicago where Learning Center managers from across the country gather to discuss and find ways to cope with issues of increasing need (more and more students wanting and seeking help to be successful in their classes) coupled with decreasing federal and state funding support.

As I sat at the airport, the English professor showed me a paper handed in recently by a student. The topic of the paper was "Why I Keep Coming Back." This student said, "I . . . further my learning by walking through the door,

because the people who work there keep me coming back." The student goes on to say that the Learning Center "is sort of a safety net to fall into when the professor is drowning in papers and can't quite answer your questions."

It seems there are concerns about the Learning Center on the Juneau campus. Many students have approached me and asked if the Learning Center is closing. There are probably many more students asking that question as well. The answer to that is unequivocally no! The Learning Center is a vibrant, dynamic and very important component of academic success at the University of Alaska Southeast.

However, there may be some future concerns in regards to funding. Returning to the student paper, the author said, "we students are using the Learning Center and we pay out of our pockets to keep the LC. It's a small additional fee that we pay, and because we pay for it, we get help with out work that we need."

I think what is at issue here is the concept of, "we pay for it." In actuality, the Learning Center is funded by general fund dollars—the funds that the university receives directly from the legislature. UAS students are not paying specifically for the services at the Learning Center, as in many other universities that charge a fee for such services. We've been lucky here in Alaska and have had the luxury of providing these services to our students for no extra charge. Unfortunately, we are probably at the end of that era.

If you are reading the newspapers and keeping up on Alaska news, it is no secret that the university may be facing flat funding during the next legislative session. If the funding remains flat, the university will need to cover the costs of raises, rising health costs, etc.

So, how do we continue to offer the services of the Learning Center to our students? Some possible solutions to this dilemma include the following:

1) Decrease services and continue to provide limited services at no charge to our students.

2) Look for alternative ways to tutor students: review sessions associated with classes (accounting uses this model).

3) Charge a fee for services.

- o All students pay \$20 a semester for unlimited use at the Learning Center.
- o A fee for limited use, \$10 a semester buys a student 10 hours.

Students can play an integral role in this decision-making process so give us your thoughts and ideas. Please recognize that the administration is well aware of the important role the LC plays in academic support and success to students at UAS.

This section is designed to respond to students concerns with issues related to academic support, or student success. The Vice Provost of Student Success, Vicki Orazem, is working to help students be successful at the university. The types of issues that come through her office are issues related to, but not limited to the following: academic support (learning center), freshman programs, advising, registration, leadership to name a few. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please address them to either the Whalesong at jywhale@uas.alaska.edu or Vicki at jnvno@uas.alaska.edu.

Student Exchange Programs Add to Campus Life, College Experience

By Sofya Bogdanova
Whalesong Staff

The college years can provide invaluable experiences that can last a lifetime. In addition to academic training for a future career, opportunities exist for students to round out their educational experience with exposure to different parts of the country or the world and the people and cultures they find there.

At UAS, one way to find these opportunities is through the National Students Exchange Program (NSEP) and the International Students Exchange Program (ISEP).

According to Marsha Squires, who, along with Elizabeth Schelle, coordinates these two exchanges for UAS, the programs offer opportunities for foreign students and American students from other parts of the country to come study a

the Juneau campus. Likewise, the program offers UAS students the option of study abroad or in another state.

Currently, there are four foreign students studying here under the ISEP, two from Switzerland and one each from Australia and Finland. There are six students in the NSEP, two from Iowa, two from Maine and one each from Minnesota and California.

On the other side of the equation, there are four UAS students studying abroad this semester in South Africa, Sweden, Holland and Finland. There are four local students in programs in other states including California, Oregon and Hawaii plus one student in Guam.

The NSEP was founded as a parallel to study abroad programs, recognizing that not every student is ready for a study opportunity outside their own country. Language, cost, and program compatibility are some of the reasons why students may not consider study abroad. Exchange within the United States and

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for meetings and activities.

Like other chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, a chapter at UAS would be dedicated to friendship and serving the community. Beta Sigma Phi members raise more than \$3 million for local charities and donate over 200,000 volunteer hours annually. However, each chapter determines its own service projects and level of community involvement.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international women's friendship network. Susan Krogstad, president of Juneau chapter Preceptor Gamma commented that, "when many people hear the words Beta Sigma Phi, they immediately think 'college sorority,' but that's a misconception. In fact, the sorority is comprised of women of all ages and backgrounds, from doctors and housewives to secretaries and school teachers to retired individuals." Lori also explained the positive effects that the sorority has had in her life. "When you go through the good times or when you go through the bad times, your sisters are there for you. You are friends forever," she said.

Because this sorority is not affiliated with any university, a new chapter would be like any other student club at UAS. There would be no designated housing, and meetings would take place

about twice a month. However, membership in Beta Sigma Phi is not limited to the college years. Some Beta Sigma Phi members have been a part of the organization for over 50 years.

Freshman Heather Horton hopes to see a chapter at UAS in the future. The elementary education major believes that, "Beta Sigma Phi will offer UAS female students a positive support system and would be a great opportunity."

Like Heather, several students have already shown interest in starting a chapter and are eager to get others involved as well. Students wanting to join or interested in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi can contact Susan Krogstad at 789-3284.



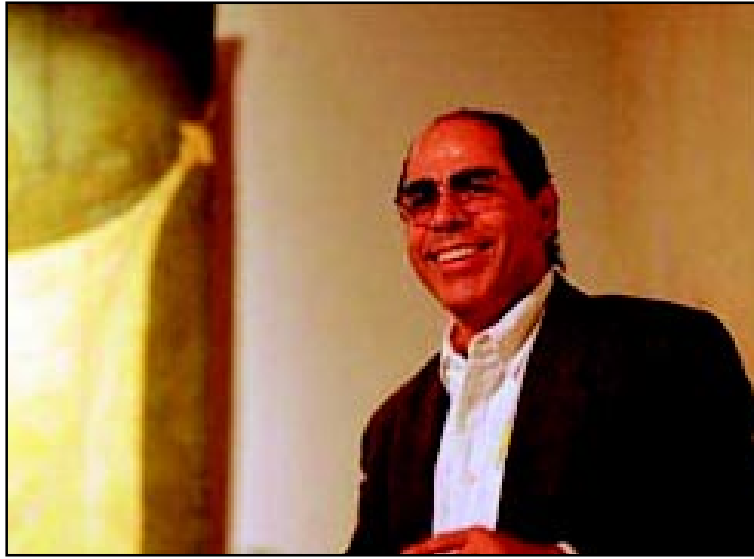
National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

By Virginia Arrigucci
Whalesong Staff

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from Sept. 15 – Oct. 22. Why does it start in the middle of September? Many Hispanic countries celebrate their independence around the same time, so in 1968, President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed September 15 - 22 Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988, it was extended to an entire month because a week is just not enough time to celebrate!

The number of Hispanics in the U.S. is approximately 37 million, making it the largest minority group in the country. Hispanic communities have traditionally remained in the Southwest, or in large urban areas such as New York City. However, now Hispanic communities have been sprouting throughout the country.

One area that the establishment of these communities has dramatically



Poet Jimmy Santiago Baca

impacted is education. Educators in previously non-diverse communities may not have experience teaching bilingual students or may not fully understand the background of ethnically diverse students. Many take the initiative to better understand these new faces and help their students to do so as well. Hispanic

Heritage Month is most widely observed in schools and is seen as an opportunity to teach and learn about different cultures and different viewpoints. It is a unique opportunity for the better understanding of our diverse society. Granted, not all education about Hispanics can be attributed

to Hispanic Heritage Month, but it definitely helps set the stage and serves as a reminder.

Another purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to acknowledge that not all Hispanics are of the same heritage. Although many Hispanics in the U.S. trace their origins to Mexico, many trace their origins to Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Yet, not all

Hispanics are immigrants or foreigners. A large portion of the United States used to be part of Mexico, so many trace their Hispanic heritage in that respect. Southeast Alaska was even a part of Mexico at one time! Hispanics are often put into one large category, but may have completely different cultures from one another.

The extension of Hispanic Heritage Week to a month allows the inclusion of Día de la Raza. Known as Columbus Day in the U.S., it marks the arrival of the Europeans in the Americas. Although many indigenous people were killed through the discovery of the New World, there was also the mixing of blood between indigenous and Europeans. For many Hispanics, the arrival of Columbus signifies the creation of a new race, la raza.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the UAS Global Connections Club held a poetry reading dedicated to Hispanic poets. The meeting, held on Oct. 3, showcased the poet Jimmy Santiago

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Poem by Jimmy Santiago Baca

Count-time

*Everybody to sleep the guard symbolizes
on his late night tour of the tombs.
When he leaves, after counting still bodies
wrapped in white sheets, when he goes,*

*the bodies slowly move, in solitary ritual,
counting lost days, mounting memories,
numbering like sand grains
the winds drag over high mountains
to their lonely deaths; like elephants
they go bury themselves
under dreamlike waterfalls,
in the silence.*

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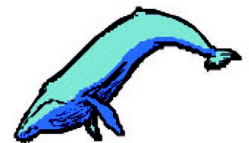
Mourant Cafeteria 5-6:30 p.m.

"Down Home Cooking,
Décor, and Servers"

Friday, October 24th:

~Spirit Day

"wear UAS colors (Blue, Silver/
White) or School name or logo"



~Kevin Max Concert

Silverbow Restaurant 7-9:30 p.m.

~Non-Homecoming Dance

SAC 9-1 a.m.

"Come ride the mechanical bull!"

Saturday, October 25th:

~Housing Pancake Feed

Housing Lodge, 10 a.m.

~Non-Homecoming Championship
football game

Floyd Dryden Turf 4 p.m.



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Canada removes those obstacles.

Exchanges may be for periods up to one full calendar year. They may be for a single term, year, or consecutive terms including a summer not to exceed one year. Occasionally a student may exchange in a term during a sophomore year and another term in a junior or senior year. Any pattern is acceptable as long as the total, combined exchange is no longer than one, full calendar year.

The program offers excellent opportunities said Squires, as it allows students to go for a semester or a year on to practically any university in the country. There are 1060 universities involved in this program, including Hawaii, Guam, Virgin Islands and even some of universities in Canada.

This program is very affordable as students can pay tuition at their home institution and study in any state they want, and credits transfer back.

The ISEP was established in 1979, under authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act. Incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization in 1997, ISEP continues to facilitate the internationalization of member campuses and to offer affordable access to study abroad. The program is administered by a central office in Washing-

ton, DC, and by the designated coordinator at each member institution. ISEP is supported by member and participant fees.

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Baca, and poems by other Hispanics were read as well. Global Connections also sponsored a dinner for Día de la Raza on Oct. 12 at the Schaible House. Spanish professors Rick Bellagh and Alejandra Orihuela-Silva helped prepare enchiladas and other dishes to celebrate the event.

It seems like every day of the year is now designated to honor someone, somewhere, or something, so in that regard Hispanic Heritage Month may not seem very important. However, many educators choose to honor it as an opportunity to teach about Hispanic culture or history. Also, many Hispanic groups organize activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month which they may not have otherwise done. Because of this Hispanic Heritage Month is more of a success each year, and is not just another politically correct occasion to be ignored.

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Arts & Entertainment

Things to Do

Oct. 23

Homecoming BBQ, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.,
Mourant Cafeteria

Oct 24

Humanities Visiting Speaker, Kevin Max, Lake
Room, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Oscar Shorts, Goldtown Nickelodeon
Plays until the 26th, times vary

The Natural & Human History of Glacier Bay,
UAS Evening at Egan lecture series, 7:00 p.m.

Non-Homecoming Homecoming Dance at the
SAC, starts at 9:00 p.m.

Oct 25

Non-Homecoming Homecoming Football game,
Floyd Dryden Middle School, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Stars and Moon Bracelet making with Salty
Hanes, Juneau City-Borough Museum, 10:30
a.m. For registration call 586-3572

Barn Dance, St. Anne's Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
For information call 586-1787

Oct. 26

Daylight Savings Time ends, set clocks back one
hour at 2:00 a.m.

Oct. 27

Scary Stories on a Dark Night, Egan Lecture
Hall 112, 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Oct. 31

Halloween

Halloween Dinner, Mourant Cafeteria, 5:00-6:30
p.m.

The Female Messengers of Environmental
Justice, UAS Evening at Egan lecture series,
7:00 p.m.

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Seventh Annual Sitka WhaleFest November 7-9, 2003

Looking for an easy fall getaway? Try Sitka's WhaleFest—a weekend of full of music, art, science, and a whole lot of fun. Since 1997 Sitkans have planned and promoted an annual festival and symposium to generate awareness of the incredible marine environment that surrounds Sitka.

Ten marine scientists including Dr. Mike Castellini, Dr. Steve Amstrup, and Sitka's own Jan Straley will present seminars on their current areas of study pertaining to Alaska's diverse coastal resources (bowhead whales, polar bears and humpback whales are this year's topics for these three scientists). The event is exciting for the researchers as well as the WhaleFest participants.

Dr. Andrew Trites, Research Director at North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium and past presenter reflects, "Sitka WhaleFest provides a unique forum that brings scientists and communities together. I know of no other like it...other coastal communities should emulate WhaleFest's successful initiative to promote education and develop a deeper understanding..."

But WhaleFest isn't just for scientists—this year's event is spiced with concerts, an art show, daily whale watching tours, a fun run, and a gourmet banquet with keynote speaker, Paul Nicklen, world-renowned marine photographer and National Geographic Contributor.

Sitka's finest local performers will entertain the WhaleFest crowd this year with an anticipated sell-out Maritime Monthly Grind.

Don Sineti, a sea chanteyman, returns to Sitka by popular demand, bringing to life the rich culture of the historical whaling and mariners songs. His powerful voice instructs, demonstrates, and entertains. In addition to his Sunday afternoon concert, Sineti will give performances and art classes for students at the Pre-school, both Baranof and Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary Schools as well as Blatchley Middle School.

WhaleFest is a unique organization these days in that there is no political agenda. The mission is to educate, and the symposium speakers present science.

WhaleFest "presents legitimate science and policy issues that real groups must work with..." says Dr. Mike Castellini, a professor of Marine Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. "There is a growing demand...for education systems to bring marine issues to the public at a variety of levels." The University of Alaska Southeast offers WhaleFest symposium as a one-credit course to interested college students and teachers at a student reduced admission rate.

Sitka WhaleFest offers a wide variety of fun activities and a welcomed festive atmosphere during the inclement weather of fall in Southeast Alaska. Getaway to Sitka for the WhaleFest, and enjoy the beauty and charm of this historic Southeast city once you have arrived. Detailed information about the 7th annual Sitka WhaleFest is available at www.sitkawhalefest.org.

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Politics

United Student of UAS-JC will Rock the Campus with Activities

By Justin Whittington
Contributing Writer

What do YOU want to see at UAS?" This is the new slogan that donning the board in the Maurant café' courtesy of Student Government. Armed with seven student elected Senators, (Toby Coate, Jeremiah Craig, Ben Shier, Sean Smith, Tony Stevens, Elizabeth Thynes, and Justin Whittington) and student elected President (Kaci Hamilton) and Vice President (Sahar Ghorbanpour) the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau Campus (USUAS-JC) are ready to rock your world!

When asked how she felt about this coming year, Student Body President Kaci Hamilton said, "I am really excited about Student Government and the semester ahead. We have a great team of senators that adequately represent the diversity of the campus. I'm looking forward to the fresh ideas to come for improving student life." Joining us from Jamaica, Kaci brings her own diversity to UAS and is very enthusiastic about trying new things on campus.

With the election of two new senators at the beginning of the semester student government has grown both in size and in creativity. Tish

Griffin Satre, student government advisor said, "This is a very activities-focused group, which is very nice. It's one of the most diverse student governments in terms of who they represent and it's been fun to watch them develop. They seem to have the student's best interests in mind!" That's great news considering we have such a diverse student population; it's only fitting that those who work for the students also be diverse in nature.

Now into October, student government has already been very active in making this semester student focused. Student Government has already sponsored/funded the Rafting trip, Club Fair, welcome Barbeque, taco and movie night, Adrian Lewis presentation, ice cream socials, and several activities to come. Look out for Halloween SPOOK week, a week filled with fun Halloween themed activities; Adrian Louis, Native Speaker; Kevin Max, Grammy award winning musician and poet; Midday Musicians, a new local musician every week at lunch; MAD CHAD, a chainsaw juggling comedian; a hypnotist; and the UAS Leadership summit and much more! Other than funding student events etc, Student Government also sets aside funds to provide ten \$250 travel grants per semester to students who would like to take part in an activity/conference and need assistance. If you are interested in applying for a travel grant please

contact Justin Whittington at justin.whittington@uas.alaska.edu.

Aside from fun activities, Student Government is also dedicated to the well being of the University as a whole. That is why the legislative affairs committee is dedicated to staying on top of the latest issues from staff healthcare to UA President Mark Hamilton's efforts to get full funding for the UA system.

Student government meeting times are posted upstairs in Maurant on the Student Government board as well as meeting minutes and committees. Meetings are open to the entire student body as are committees. We want your input and would appreciate any feedback. Student Government is dedicated to making the most of your experience here at UAS, so share with us what it is that you want to see!

Venturing into Politics

By B. Stalin McCarthy
Contributing Writer

The subject of politics is found almost everywhere. For example I was astounded when my organic chemistry professor started talking about President Bush's policies during class. How my professor could make a correlation between partisan politics and the reduction of an organic compound beats me. This was annoying at the time, because I did not come to class to hear my science professor's "extensive knowledge" of federal policy making. Rather, I just wanted to learn about the reactions between organic compounds. Was that too much to ask? However, my annoyance turned into curiosity. Why did my professor care about politics? Was it in a way related to life science? Was this an area of life that we all inevitably must deal with?

I thought politics were about squabbling, lying, crooked, politicians and the various scandals associated with them. Curiously, I discovered that politics was about policies. I understood what policies were. Policies offer structure in which we live our lives and conduct our everyday affairs. Politics are associated with policies? This astounded me and since then I have decided to discover more about politics and how they are conveyed.

The research that I have done has propelled me to write on the subject of politics, coming not from an expert but a normal college student's perspective and hopefully in this journey I want to discover truthful political philosophy and an ideal model of a politician. It appears at times that we as students are saturated with a one-sided political philosophy with no room for compromise or knowledge of both sides of an issue. I believe this is harmful because even the correct side does not always have a monopoly on good ideas. It is for this reason that I, being a life science major, have started to question my own prejudices when it comes to governmental and social policies. We have a choice: to follow the crowd and its views, or we can take a stand and decide for ourselves the reasons for our beliefs and do our own research.

U.S. presidents in general are always under attack. Whether it is their speech impediments or their sex lives, our Commander in Chief is always under scrutiny. Support for national leaders, and in turn their policy decisions, are often based upon the perceptions created by the lampooning these civil servants undergo.

For example, I often hear of President George W. Bush as being unintelligent because of his lack of eloquence often called "Bushisms" and therefore because of these slips in his speeches, his policies are judged to be equally unintelligent.

What happens when we look at "Dubya" not as a politician but as a person? How was he able to overcome obstacles and learn from his many mistakes as we do in our own lives? Yes, Bush may have grown up in a well to do family, but his life was severely altered by the death of his sister at an early age and his difficulty in overcoming dyslexia both of which affected his performance in school. Graduating with a MBA from Harvard is not an easy feat. Ted Kennedy, whom is thought of to be very intelligent, flunked out of the same program. Where Kennedy failed, Bush succeeded.

My purpose is not to show Bush as a knight in shining armor nor as a devious, warmongering, oil-greedy, politician; but instead I want to go past his public persona and look first at the man he really is and then how this human being addresses the problems that have arisen during his presidency. I invite the reader to venture with me in articles to come in this voyage, to look at politics with an open mind and a fresh new perspective.

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Environment

Stevens' Rider ignites Tongass Controversy in Senate

By Amy Sumner
Whalesong Editor

A rider attached to an appropriations bill by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, which would limit timelines in challenging logging projects in the Tongass National Forest, is being attacked by some Senators and environmental groups as a threat to the due process rights of citizens.

The Tongass Judicial Review Rider, a small paragraph of legislation attached to the 3,000-page Interior Appropriations bill back in February, limits citizens to 30 days after the end of the administrative appeals process to challenge logging projects in the Tongass. In addition, it also limits the Federal District Court in Alaska to 180 days in which it has to review and render a final decision on lawsuits regarding logging projects in the Tongass.

On September 23, California Senator Barbara Boxer posed an amendment that would have eliminated the language from the bill. However, Senator Stevens used a procedural vote on a "motion to table" that passed with a close vote of 52-44.

However, Stevens in a prepared statement said, "Despite the rhetoric, my amendment does not cripple the public's due process. What it does is try to deal with the lawsuits pertaining to timber sales in the Alaska region and the way they've been handled by those who oppose cutting timber in Alaska."

Environmental organizations, such as the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC), are not convinced. According to SEACC publications, the rider makes it nearly impossible for citizens to challenge logging projects. Thirty days is simply too short a time to find a lawyer, research possible claims to determine if a good claim exists, write up the claim and get it filed. In addition, the imposed time limits could force the Federal District Court to consider challenges to federal timber sales before hearing other important cases including but not limited to homeland security cases, civil rights cases, drug and criminal cases, and workers' rights cases.

SEACC's Community Organizer, Aurah Landau, explained why her organization opposed Stevens' effort. "Organizations have lawyers on staff, so they can file a claim within the 30 day limit," Landau said. "However, it's the everyday business owners and other interested citizens who may not be able to hold the Forest Service accountable to file a claim within the 30 days."

Stevens' statement disputes those concerns, "The provisions do not limit access to the judicial system nor does it impede the rights of those seeking judicial review of



Senator Ted Stevens

Records of Decision. This provision merely ensures timely consideration of these lawsuits which is fair to environmental groups, the Forest Service, and to the men and women of my State who rely on the timber industry for their livelihoods."

Due to the opposition's pressure, Senator Stevens has currently removed all but one sentence from his legislation. The legislation removed from the bill was meant to exempt the Tongass National Forest from the 2001 Roadless Rule, revive the timber industry's failed legal argument that the Forest Service has to provide them with as much timber as they desire regardless of the effects on other Tongass users, and end efforts to put the Forest Service's 1999 Tongass Land Management Plan and its

protections for 18 high-valued watersheds back into effort.

Whether the Tongass Judicial Review language will be included in the final bill remains to be determined. The Interior Appropriations bill will enter into Conference Committee negotiations. During this time, selected representatives and senators will meet to work out the differences between the House and the Senate versions of the same bill. The House did not adopt the rider in its version of the bill, so it is possible that the rider could be removed.

According to Landau, Senator Stevens may attempt to pass the anti-Tongass legislation, including the provisions he removed in the future. "Senator Stevens has a history of this behavior. He tried this same tactic with fisheries and off shore oil issues in addition to the Tongass. The question to ask is 'Is this the right way for a Senator to be acting?'"

Since Senator Stevens will be in charge of several more big spending bills, he could insert the legislation into them using the same tactics. However, the large support for Senator Boxer's amendment in the September vote, may have sent a message that a strong contingent in the Senate that does not support Senator Stevens' tactics.

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